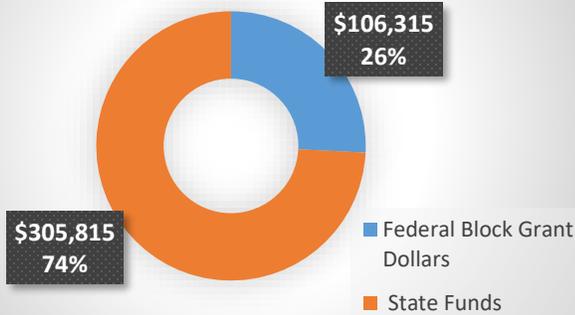


Kentucky Advisory Committee on Needed Services for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deafblind

Questions? Call (502) 782-6181 (Voice) or (502) 385-0460 (VideoPhone)

Funding, Training, and Workforce Development

Current Allocations for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services



Kentucky invests in a full time Program Administrator/ State Coordinator for Deaf Services. Established in 1992 after a settlement agreement, KRS 210.031 mandates that the Cabinet address the needs of individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deafblind.

We believe in culturally affirmative and linguistically accessible treatment that focuses on a strengths-based and holistic view of each person and his/her environment.

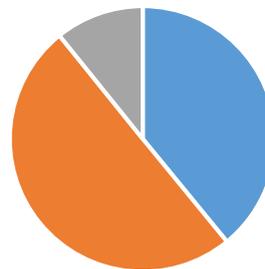
Limited funds are prioritized to support direct service providers employed by three Community Mental Health Centers.



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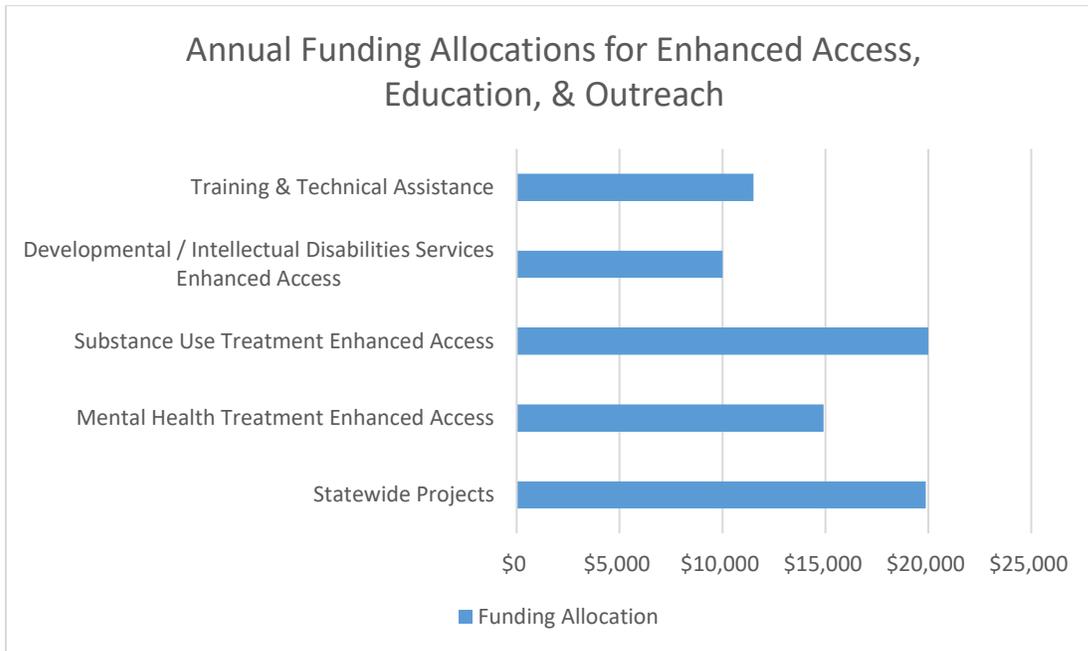


Allocations for Deaf Mental Health Services in American Sign Language (ASL)



■ Bluegrass ■ Centerstone ■ Cumberland River

Bluegrass employs one full time Deaf Mental Health Clinical Specialist and one part-time Targeted Case Manager skilled in American Sign Language. Centerstone employs two Deaf Mental Health Clinical Specialists and one part-time Deaf Services Targeted Case Manager. Cumberland River employs one part-time Deaf Services Targeted Case Manager.



Training & Technical Assistance

includes specialized training for our Direct Service Providers and costs related to training events for interpreters, service providers, and community stakeholders.

DDID Services Enhanced Access

involves reimbursement for interpreting or other auxiliary aids and services at CMHCs serving those with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities. Communication Assessments are also covered here.

Substance Use Treatment Enhanced Access

includes reimbursement for interpreting or other auxiliary aids and services at CMHCs for treatment; DUI Assessments and initial psychoeducation classes; and 12-Step meeting interpreters. Funds have been used to reimburse transportation to/from the Minnesota Chemical Dependency Program for Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Mental Health Treatment Enhanced Access funds

are for interpreting or other auxiliary aids and services at CMHCs. Funds often run out mid-year.

Statewide Projects

includes funding for collaborative efforts to develop a more robust system of care that addresses the wide range of need. Funds have been used to provide support groups and outreach events with the Hearing Loss Association of America KY chapters, KY School for the Deaf Family Learning Vacation, Parent Cafes, Mental Health Interpreter Training (MHIT) Stipends, and the KY Association for the Deaf-Blind retreats.

Maximizing Our Impact with Community Partnerships

Effective Deaf Mental Health Services require collaboration and creativity. Thank you to our partner agencies with whom we work to address the behavioral health needs of Kentuckians with hearing loss!

